



HAZLETT

JAMES HAZLETT
Born at Mahara
27th September 1827.
Died 31st July 1913.
WILLIAM HAZLETT
Born at Mahara
May 1847.
SUSAN F. HAZLETT
Born at Mahara
15th March 1848.
ADHES HAZLETT
Born at Mahara
23rd January 1848.
LUKE G. HAZLETT
Born at Mahara
1st November 1914.

Three generations of the Hazlett family were known for business, farming and racing in Otago and Southland.

The founder was James Hazlett who was a farmer's son, born in Londonderry, Northern Ireland in 1829. He worked in a mercantile firm in Belfast before going to the Victorian gold rush, then to the Otago rush in 1861. He later opened a store in Clyde, with branches in other parts of the diggings.

In 1867 he married Bridget Agnes Coleman in Clyde, and they had five sons and three daughters. He was mayor of Clyde, chairman of the Dunstan Hospital Board, and represented Dunstan on the Provincial Council.

About 1877 he moved to Dunedin and with J.T. Mackerras formed the mercantile firm of Mackerras and Hazlett.

Soon after his arrival in Dunedin James Hazlett was a prime mover in the formation of the Dunedin Jockey Club. With John Stephenson of Wright Stephensons he formed a partnership to buy horses which became well-known throughout New Zealand. He was also active in the administration of the club, serving as president and becoming a life member. After he died on 31 July 1913 the James Hazlett Gold Cup was named in his memory.

Two of his sons became well-known in Dunedin, and one in Southland.

Edgar Christopher Hazlett was educated at Otago Boys High and then worked in the family firm and eventually became managing director, and was also a director of many other businesses, and active in public affairs.

Luke Clyde Hazlett was a banker in various parts of the South Island before becoming secretary-accountant to Mackerras and Hazlett. He bought 'Salisbury' from Donald Reid and set up a racing stud there, as well as breeding pedigree Herefords.

William Thomas Hazlett founded the Southland branch of the family. After leaving Otago Boys High School he worked in his father's firm as book-keeper, traveller and manager. In 1899 he opened an Invercargill branch of Mackerras and Hazlett as managing director, became involved in the Southland Racing Club and racing stud breeding. He owned Wain's Hotel in Dunedin, the Wallacetown Hotel and with his sons took up three sheep stations.

All are buried in the Hazlett family grave in Dunedin's Andersons Bay Cemetery.